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The Capital Question

The removal of the state capital to Jacksonville is cutting quite a figure in that metropolis and being made an issue in the present campaign as to which gubernatorial candidate Duval county will support. The Hon. Frank Clark is out in an open letter demanding of Duval's state delegates that they favor no man for governor who does not favor the removal question. Now every paper in the state who has a favorite or home candidate deprecates raising this question, saying it is inopportune and unmanly and should not be introduced into state politics.

The Star for one cannot see why. It is an important question and one that must shortly be decided. There are a dozen good reasons why the state capital should come further east and south, and if Jacksonville has the nerve to champion it and make a manly, vigorous contest for it, why should she not win, if that contest is to be striven for in the open and to be decided by the voters of the state in locating it in the most eligible central portion of the state. If Jacksonville holds out such inducements that Gainesville, Ocala or Orlando cannot duplicate, it is unfortunate for the towns who are privileged to strive if they are distanced in the race for capital honors.

The editor of the Star is free to admit it is more important to settle the vexed question of the removal of the capital from its present site to a more convenient and central point in the state than to who shall be the next governor of Florida. If Jacksonville's pecuniary assistance, ambition, effort and determination to force this question to the front and make it a living issue in the campaign of 1900, and thereby settle the question, we shall not murmur or find fault with the brainy and up-to-date citizens who are making this question a red hot subject. Let the question be given the voters of the state and let every town that has capital honors buzzing in her bonnet show her hand.

Let there be a free and open contest on the question of the capital removal and the place that will hold out the largest inducements in the state's assistance and from the most central point, win.

The Logical Nominee

The Tampa Tribune says: "This is a Bryan year. The closest man in Florida to the next Democratic nominee for president is William S. Jennings of the county of Hernando. This, however, is only one of his recommendations. But while his opponents in the state race may possibly like measure the qualifications of honesty, fitness, party loyalty and executive ability, it seems to the Tribune that the one constructive recommendation above cited should be sufficient to throw the weight of the party to Judge Jennings."

Jacksonville is to have a new wholesale grocery house.

Wray, the tuner, at Weihe's.

Hon. H. W. Long Explains

EDITOR STAR: Recognizing the fact that a public office is a public trust and that public officers are the servants of the people, I ask space in your paper to reply to the inquiries made in its columns by writers over the non-deplumes of "Tax Payer," "Another Tax Payer," and Mr. J. W. Stevens, in regard to the action of the county commissioners in designating a newspaper to publish the delinquent tax list of Marion county.

The board did not consider the proposition of the Star to donate \$1000 to be used in building good roads in the county because its legal advisor, Hon. R. A. Burford, had given as his legal opinion that to award the delinquent tax list to that paper under such terms as was proposed would be a violation of law and would vitiate the legality of the tax sales.

The same legal barrier would have prevailed had the board become a party to a contract between the Star and Banner for the publication of said tax list. That barrier, however, could have been overcome had the proprietors entered into a personal contract that each would publish the delinquent tax list and send it weekly to each subscriber of their respective papers, the fee allowed by law to be divided upon a stipulated percentage agreed upon by them, and the withdrawal of the application of one of the proprietors of said papers. The board then could and would have designated the paper whose application remained on file, which would have become the legal paper for the publication of said tax list, and after its publication as required by law, the proprietor of the paper that had been designated would have been paid the legal fees allowed by law, after which the divide could have been made as per agreement.

An arrangement of that kind would have doubled the publication, given each paper a showing, and if entered into in good faith would have removed an annual scramble for the designation of a paper, which in the natural order of things will always create antagonisms if not bad blood.

The law is plain that a newspaper, and but one, is to be annually designated by the county commissioners of the several counties of the state for the publication of the delinquent tax list. A majority of the board favored an agreement as above stated, but the proprietors of said papers failing to enter into such an arrangement, and each having an application on file, the board was left with no alternative except that of designating the paper receiving a majority of the votes cast by its members as the legal paper to publish said delinquent tax list, which at the April meeting was cast for the Banner.

It is due my associate members of the board to state, that during their deliberations as to what paper should be designated there was not an unkind word spoken by any member, or any act indicating prejudice or ill feeling towards either of the applicants, and their deportment indicated a conscientious discharge of a public duty.

I am satisfied that the existing law should be so changed as to avoid an ironclad rule with no discretion left the board in considering applications to publish the aforesaid list for a less amount than that fixed by law, and would respectfully recommend that such legislation be enacted during the next session of our legislature. H. W. LONG.

[Commissioner Long is well posted on all matters pertaining to the duties of county officials and we are glad to commend his clear cut, logical argument in the above communication to our readers. His plan to divide the proceeds of the tax list between the Banner and Star is evidently the correct one and it is not our fault that it was not adopted. As to the legal barrier in the way of accepting the Star's proposition

to print the list and divide the proceeds with the county road fund, it seems that two of our ablest attorneys disagree. Judge Bullock, who made a thorough study of the law and wrote an elaborate opinion on the subject, which recently appeared in these columns, is fixed in his belief that had the commissioners accepted the Star's proposition it would have been legal and sustained by the courts. Now Colonel Burford, with acknowledged ability as a lawyer, says it would have been a violation of law and vitiated the legality of the sales. The only way to settle the matter is to get a judicial decision, and the Star is perfectly willing to pay the expenses of having the case adjudicated before Judge Hocker.—EDITOR.]

Dr. Blitch is Better

The Star is pleased to learn Dr. Blitch is slowly improving, and there is every hope of his recovery. Sheriff Nugent paid him a visit Sunday.

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The Populists

The populists, fusionists, were called to order Wednesday at Sioux Falls, Iowa, in a large tent by Chairman Marion Butler. He denounced the middle of the road bolters. There were about 500 delegates present, among them several women delegates from Colorado. Minnesota had a large shield on which was inscribed the name of Bryan for president and Turner of Minnesota for vice president. Nebraska had the largest and most enthusiastic delegation. Governor Lee welcomed them.

The Cincinnati faction bitterly denounced the Sioux Falls traitors and tools of the democrats. Strange to say both claimed they would be the saviors of their country. This convention had 644 delegates. Ex-congressman Howard of Alabama was made temporary chairman and W. L. Peck of Georgia permanent chairman.

Capt. F. W. Lytle of Lake Weir represented Florida on the committee on resolutions and plans of party organization. The proceedings were lively.

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The ferry between this point and Moss Bluff was replaced with a new one some time ago, and last week the bridges on the Moss Bluff side were repaired, so now it is in first class condition. The river is quite high.

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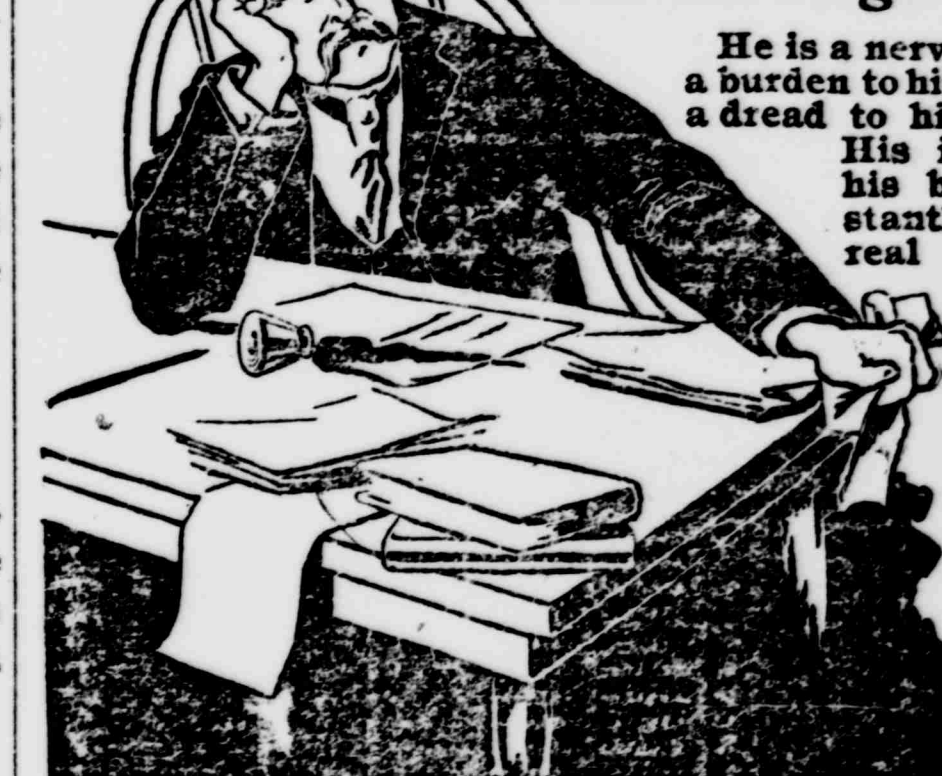
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